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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2234

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, RH, ZA

SUBJ: BOMBS EXPLODE AT NKOMO LUSAKA HEADQUARTERS

REF: LUSAKA 208

1. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 1 ZAMBIAN PRESS REPORTS, TWO BOMBS EXPLODED AROUND 0045 SUNDAY MORNING AT LUSAKA'S ZIMBABWE HOUSE, OFFICES OF NKOMO'S ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION (ZAPU). BOMBS WERE ALLEGEDLY HEARD THROUGHOUT THREE KILO-METER RADIUS AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BUT NO CASUALTIES. BLAST REPORTS WERE CONFIRMED BY ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AARON MILNER WHO AWAITS A FULL REPORT ON THE INCIDENT.

2. COMMENTING ON BLAST, ZAPU SPOKESMAN SAID "IT DOES NOT NEED A GENIUS TO KNOW THAT THE SMITH REGIME IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE BARBARIC AND COWARDLY ATTACKS ON PATRIOTIC FRONT INSTALLATIONS IN ZAMBIA, IN WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY PART OF THE HOT PURSUIT CAMPAIGN," SPOKESMAN ALSO ALLUDED TO ALLEGED
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RHODESIAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVIOUS LUSAKA LETTER-BOMB EXPLOSION IN LATE JANUARY WHICH KILLED NKOMO'S CHIEF DEPUTY, JASON MOYO (SEE REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH INVESTIGATION OF BLAST HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED, ZAPU HAS BLAMED AGENTS OF SMITH REGIME. AS IN THE CASE OF MOYO'S DEATH, INVOLVEMENT BY ZANU OR

OTHER NATIONALIST CONTENDERS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

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